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POETRY

IN SEASON ANSWER "NO."

A poet good, in gloomy mood
Wrote, "Man was made to mourn";
But, now, with light to guide us right
Thought takes a happier turn;
The trials great, of this estate,
That load us down with woe,
Would less annoy, did man employ
His right to answer "No."

When evils rise, in silken guise,
To lead our minds astray,
How oft forlorn, we grasp the thorn
And cast the flower away;
Knowing the while that sin and guile
No soul can overthrow
That asks aright for strength and light
To timely answer "No."

It needs brave hearts of sterling parts
To face the ranks of sin;
Without are snares and worldly cares
And wars are rife within.
Conqu'rors of old whose valour bold
Laid thrones and empires low,
Lacked moral power in trial's hour
To bravely answer "No."

If you would grace the loftiest place
That merit here can win,
And rule about with those you love,
Redeemed from death and sin,
Gird on with might truth's armour bright,
Your moral standing show,
And, come what may, your pluck display
When you should answer "No."

—Anonymous.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"I want every Latter-day Saint soldier to get down on his knees and pray God to help him live a clean life."

—President Heber J. Grant.

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And for your salvation I give unto you a commandment, for I have heard your prayers, and the poor have complained before me, and the rich have I made, and all flesh is mine, and I am no respecter of persons.—Doctrine and Covenants 38: 16.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

WITH a touch of Spring in the air, one's thoughts are apt to rove a little, back to the eventful season when our beloved Prophet, then but a lad, went into that Sacred Grove to pray to the Lord. What a debt of gratitude we owe to God and that man!

"WE THANK THEE, O GOD, FOR A PROPHET,
TO GUIDE US IN THESE LATTER DAYS;
WE THANK THEE FOR SENDING THE GOSPEL
TO LIGHEN OUR MINDS WITH ITS RAYS."

President Grant's Platform Is The Same As Joseph Smith's

By Dr. G. Homer Durham

AFTER calling on Brigham Young one day, Ralph Waldo Emerson remarked that Mormonism itself was a mere echo of Puritanism. But President Heber J. Grant represents something more than either an after-clap of capitalism or Puritanism. Ninety years ago Mormonism was condemned for its radical collectivism. Today it is occasionally abused as a "capitalistic stronghold." Some accuse it, wrongfully, of "baiting" organized labour and the New Deal. Such views are shallow and erroneous. President Heber J. Grant stands on the same platform reared by Joseph Smith in Ohio and Missouri, that was later developed in Utah, co-operatively, by Brigham Young. This platform is not built of the "either-or" planks of recent philosophy. It is based on the idea of the free-willing, responsible, mature individual, living in an abundant universe where riches may be unlocked by the key of co-operative effort; that other men are one's friends and not natural enemies; and that the key to success is intelligent individual work, in a productive field, under human and divine co-operation. Mormon institutions have prospered on this philosophy. The Church organization has supplied the means of co-operation between strong, responsible leadership and a heterogeneous group of free individuals As Brigham Young once commented: "The gospel net brings in all kinds of fish"—which is certainly true of the Church membership in terms of individual differences.

The other strain, called Puritanical, is reflected in President Grant's vigorous and life-long battle against liquor and tobacco and other things harmful to the human body. To Mormonism's army of Priesthood (all males 12 years and over) he has said:

"If a man thinks more of a cup of tea or coffee, or a cigarette, or a chew of tobacco, than he does of his Priesthood, let him resign his Priesthood !"

REGRETS REPEAL

The President is a good reader and he often quotes that which he enjoys in his reading experiences. He has purchased entire editions of his favourite works and has given away tens of thousands of copies to his personal friends and to members of the Church. A Mormon home, active as a Church unit, unually contains several gift-books from Heber J. Grant—sent as wedding or anniversary presents, as holiday remembrances, or gifts to mark the passing of a relative or friend.

Under his Presidency, actual recorded membership of the Church (active communicants) has almost doubled—495,962 in 1919, to approximately 900,000 in 1941.

President Grant is utterly frank in dealing with opponents and in discussing Church affairs. In 1922 a clipping was handed to him which he read in the General Conference in October of that year.

"MORMON LEADER POLITICAL BOSS SAYS REFORMER.

"The most powerful political individual in America today is H. J. Grant, head of the Mormon 'Kingdom,' declared Dr. James S. Martin of Pittsburg, Superintendent of the National Reform Association, in addressing the annual Christian Citizenship Institution here today. . . . Today H. J. Grant patronizes presidents, makes bargains with great political parties, dictates the political policies of Utah and at least five surrounding States, and wields effective political influence in at least five others."

Referring to this comment after reading it aloud, the Mormon leader said:

"Martin is the Superintendent of the National Reform Association. If he is properly quoted, he better reform himself, and purge himself of falsehood. There is a special place prepared for his kind, and if he does not repent he will land there."

Speaking later of politics he said:

POLITICS AND MEASLES

"Politics remind me very much of the measles. The measles don't hurt much if you will take a little saffron tea or something else to keep them on the surface. But if they once set in on you, they turn your hide yellow and sometimes make you cross-eyed. So do not let politics set in on you."

An advocate of independent voting, he has had the following to say about party controversies:

"I regret exceedingly that in political controversies men seem to lack that courtesy and that respect for their opponents that all Latter-day Saints ought to have. . . . I am a thorough convert myself to the idea that it is not possible for all men to see alike. You know the remark made by the young man once: 'It is a splendid thing that we do not all see alike, because if we did, everybody would want to marry my Sally Ann.' And the other man remarked: 'Yes, thank the Lord. If everybody saw your Sally Ann as I see her, nobody on earth would have her, and she would die an old maid.' "

A favourite theme with President Grant has always been that "age is a quality of mind." He sees one of the evidences for immortality in the feeling that no matter how old the body looks, the person inside (if healthy) always feels himself young. His ministry has emphasized this thought in his own life and in his attitude towards young people.

He championed Prohibition and regrets repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment as a matter of principle, not of political right. He is chagrined to think that arguments for prosperity were linked with repeal before 1933 to the extent that the public fell for the promotion schemes which won the day. He has not ceased to point the evils, personal and social, of the liquor habit.

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Looking Forward To Relief Society Centennial 1842 - 1942

By Sister Maud A. Hawkes
Of British Mission Relief Society Board

DEAR SISTERS, we are sure you are looking forward to our Centennial Conference, and have made your plans for the Tuesday celebration.

It should be a spiritual uplift for us all: we shall remember how and why our Society was organised, and how women have progressed since 1842. Before this date there was little education or freedom. Only an inspired man such as the Prophet Joseph Smith could have seen this need for the progress of women.

Why was it organised? Here are a few reasons given by the greatest leaders in the Church:

Joseph F. Smith, in Gospel Doctrine, (page 483) said that "The objects of this organisation are manifold. It is **not** designed to look only after the poor and needy, but it is intended to look after the **spiritual, mental** and **moral** welfare of the mothers and daughters of Zion."

Also that it was the duty of the Relief Societies to look after the spiritual welfare of **themselves** as well as all the female members of the Church. You might be interested to look up Section 25 in Doctrine and Covenants Commentary and see our Prophet's explanation of an elect lady.

In the minutes of the first meeting, the Prophet Joseph Smith said the Society was not only to help the needy, but to save souls. How can we save souls? We can study, so that we can preach the Gospel, we can so live that others will see our good works, be kind and loving and quick to forgive each other our faults and failings.

There are many opportunities today to say a few kind words and preach a little Gospel; many people are full of sorrow and care—they have lost their loved ones, or maybe anxiously waiting for news of loved ones; we can show our sympathy for them.

Shall we try to understand our Society better, and find out what it stands for? Then we shall appreciate it better and realise that it is a privilege to be a member, and our membership should not be looked upon as a duty.

The Sisters have great influence in the Branches. It is said that the Branches are no stronger than the Relief Society, and this is true. We should work with the Priesthood, and help to keep order and reverence in the meetings. We can make our influence felt throughout the Branch if we work in harmony with the Priesthood and each other.

Let us think about these things during our Birthday Celebrations, and we shall have a spiritual uplift that we shall remember all our days and which will help us to live better in the future.

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For The Young Folk

"A Sabbath well spent, makes a week of content,
And strength for the coming morrow.
But a Sabbath profaned, whate'er may be gained,
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow."

RIGHT WILL PREVAIL.

BECAUSE of the terrible things which are happening in the world today, many people who have not the Gospel are saying that God has forgotten us. We know that that is not true. God has not forgotten us now, and He never will. Why, as early as two thousand years before Jesus Christ was born, God made provision for these days, by selecting a choice race of people in whom He could bless all the nations of the world.

Abraham and Sarah, about whom you read a few weeks ago, were chosen to be the father and mother of this race, and to their descendants was entrusted a special saving work for all the people of the world, even down to the present day.

We have already read a little about their descendants, taking the story down as far as Joseph, who was sold into Egypt. Perhaps some of you did not understand why Joseph should twice return the money into his brother's sacks, and the second time hide his own special drinking cup into Benjamin's sack. Like many other things which happen, this was very difficult to understand at the time. The reason was that Joseph loved Benjamin and his father very much, and he wished that all his family should come and live in Egypt. Therefore, as soon as his brethren had left for their home, he sent servants after them to examine their belongings. Of course, they found money in all the sacks, and the precious cup in Benjamin's sack, so Joseph made this his excuse to keep the boy. After the brothers had pleaded with him for the release of Benjamin, his heart was softened, and he revealed himself unto them, saying that he was their long lost brother. Then he said a very remarkable thing! You must remember that when his brothers sold him into Egypt, they did so because they hated him, and they wanted to destroy the purposes of God through him. Joseph, however, now explained to them how their wicked and selfish act had been turned to God's own purpose, and that it was the will of God that he should be sold into Egypt, to go to that land and prepare the way for his father and brothers, so that they should not starve in the terrible famine. Then Joseph commanded the brothers to return to Canaan, tell their father that he had been found, and bring back Jacob and all his family, so that they all might live together in Egypt, where the food was plentiful.

So, you see, even when people do wicked things, thinking they can upset the plans which God has made, God has the power to turn the very evil that men do towards the fulfilment of His great plan.

Next week you will read more of the plans of God through the descendants of Abraham and Sarah. —E. M. B.

Our Missionaries' Page

FOR some time past we have been encouraging our Missionaries, especially those on full time, to sell the "Millennial Star." Some of our Missionaries have responded in a splendid manner. Here is a comparative table for the month of January, 1942:

Delia Bedford	20	Lilian S. Burton	9
Phyllis Clayton	15	Violet Coleby	36
Melvin W. Dunn	—	Harry Dyson	6
Olga S. Emery	24	Wm. W. France, Jr.	—
Gwen. C. Farmer	—	Violet G. Thomas	—
Arthur J. Fisher	5	Joyce Gittins	8
Alvin Gittins	—	A. C. Anastasiou, Jr.	100
L. T. Moore	125	Doreen Moorhead	8
Lucy Ripley	61	Ruth A. Schofield	24
Hazel Sands	10	Louise Taylor	2
Alice A. Wild	—	Eva Williams	2
Albert H. Willmott	142 at 2d. each 116 at 1d. each		

Comparative report for February will be published in due course, and we hope it will be a much better one. May we again stress the necessity of selling the "Millennial Star" in your tracting and visiting. Elder Albert H. Willmott is the champion "Star" seller for January. There are several close on his heels; we wish them every success. **Every Missionary can succeed in this project through persevering, regular effort, concentration, and desire to achieve.**

Of course, we cannot ask the Home Missionaries to reach the same high grade, for the simple reason that they have no time to do it. However, some of them will easily equal some of the figures.

Here is a project for the Home Missionaries: Gather all the old "Stars" from Branch subscribers and sell them at a 1d. each, and give the proceeds to your Branch or District Missionary Fund.

The "Millennial Star" is an excellent messenger of the Restored Gospel, and should be used to advantage by every Missionary of the Church in the British Mission.

Reports from the Field:

"Had a very interesting time discussing the Gospel with friends who have promised to come to a cottage meeting arranged for next week. I have also been explaining parts of the Gospel to workmates."—Lilian Pinfield, Bradford.

"During my two hours tracting, I had only one refusal."—Wm. L. Buchanan, Glasgow.

"Owing to the blackout, we are now studying the tracts and practising interviews. This, we hope, will enable us to spread the Gospel message when we go tracting on the lighter evenings."—Ada Lena Lenton, Leicester.

"The loaning of my Book of Mormon again, now makes the seventh time since being made a Home Missionary."—Edward A. Wright, Hucknall.

BY MY ACTIONS I WILL PROVE MY ALLEGIANCE TO MY GOD, MY CHURCH, AND MY PEOPLE.

—A. K. A.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S PLATFORM IS THE SAME AS JOSEPH SMITH'S

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Back in the Tooele days he said: "I will ask no one to come earlier or stay later, to labour harder, or give more freely of his means than myself." He has kept that pledge through 63 years of Church service, 23 as President. He frequently quotes and in June, 1941, called upon the young people to commit to memory, as a guide in evaluating the use of authority in the modern world—the Section in the Doctrine and Covenants having to do with this subject. And referring to himself, present and future leaders, he held up the principle as follows:

"Priesthood should be exercised only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned —by kindness and pure knowledge. . . ."

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LOOKING FORWARD TO RELIEF SOCIETY CENTENNIAL

(Continued from page 164)

We send our greetings to you all, and thank you for all the work you have done. We know you have to work under war conditions and many other difficulties, but we are proud of the way you have all carried on this work, and we thank you for your support.

May the Lord bless you and inspire you during the coming Conference; may it be a really happy time for you all.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

LIKE almost everything else during these difficult times, the "Millennial Star" becomes more costly to produce as advances in prices of materials and printing come about. To defray this extra expenditure, we are reluctantly compelled to increase the present subscription rates. The new price per quarter will therefore be 2/6, and there will be no reduction on a yearly subscription. Single copies will in future be 2½d. each. This increase will but partly cover the total cost of production and delivery of the journal which, at the moment, averages 4½d. per copy. The new rates will come into force immediately.

We know that all our readers will continue their unflagging support of our efforts, for which we are indeed grateful. Our number of subscriptions, although considerably more than they were at the commencement of our task, would have to be increased to a very great extent in order to make the "Star" pay for itself, and so we appeal to all our readers and good friends to assist us in increasing our circulation. Remember the "Star" is the oldest publication in the Church and we have undoubtedly been blessed in being able to continue its distribution during this dark period; but its founder prophesied of it that it should continue until the Millennium.

"So carry on, 'Millennial Star,'
With foresight and with vision,
And help to spread the news afar
To aid the British Mission.

And when our Lord shall come again
No star shall shine more bright,
Throughout the whole Millennium reign,
Than thee—The Star of Light."

The Latter-Day Saints' "Millennial Star"

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1942

EDITORIAL

"RED TAPE!"

AND AGAIN, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT WHICH IS GOVERNED BY LAW IS ALSO PRESERVED BY LAW, AND PERFECTED AND SANCTIFIED BY THE SAME.

ORGANISE YOURSELVES! PREPARE EVERY NEEDFUL THING, AND ESTABLISH A HOUSE, EVEN A HOUSE OF PRAYER, A HOUSE OF FASTING, A HOUSE OF FAITH, A HOUSE OF LEARNING, A HOUSE OF GLORY, **A HOUSE OF ORDER**, A HOUSE OF GOD.—Doctrine and Covenants.

THINKING on eternal things, the poet, Alexander Pope, wrote of Order as being the "first law of Heaven." In the Platonic school one day, it is written, the Greeks, rich in intellect, profound in thought, discussed the Utopian idea. "Is there such an organisation, anywhere?" queried a student. "No," was the reply, "but doubtless the pattern is laid up in heaven."

Practically every nation has produced its philosopher, some a school of philosophical thought. All have drunk deep of the well of wisdom, have closely studied the chronicles of nations past and have thought long upon the eternal and ever pressing problem of Harmony in living. From them all has come a variety of new systems and "new orders." In the survey of the present which accompanies each treatise, either chagrin or disgust is expressed for contemporary conditions and a wholesale re-organisation is advised.

Of the section of humanity that **do think of these things**, there is a group whose constant cry is that there are too many regulations and unnecessary laws. Thus, there has come into being the deprecative phrase which heads this essay. Certainly, it must be admitted that some institutions, adhering rigidly to order and regulation in their processes, give much cause for dissatisfaction to their employees. It seems that this constant application of set procedure to achieve certain ends is but the continuance of age old tradition, which could be replaced by modern serviceable methods, but dies a hard death.

Mormonism, the perfect philosophy, solves the problem. Since it springs not from the mind of man, it is not tainted with the human touch. Inspired of God, it abounds with just

Laws framed to produce that elusive harmony. Characteristic of its fulness, its great teaching is, that, **Before Order can be secured, even in Heaven, governing Laws must be obeyed.** Thus it places Obedience as the fundamental principle underlying all action towards the attainment of the great ideal, the Brotherhood of Man, under a universal order.

Take, for example, the Organisation of the Church. Every office is purposeful. No holder of office can afford to slack. There is work in plenty in every field, and the progress of that work is dependent upon the effort put forward by each worker. There are opportunities for all with special abilities, and likewise there is opportunity for all to become trained and capable. Only the imperfections of humanity prevent the perfect functioning of any part of the Gospel plan, if such a condition exists. Never can the invective "Red Tape" be hurled at our sublime system. Underlying the appointment of any individual to office there is, or should be, inspiration, sought for in supplication, and if the one appointed constantly seeks that inspiration, acting in humility always, the matters under that person's administration will proceed properly and successfully. A man who acts in accordance with Section 121 of the Doctrine and Covenants cannot fail to command respect and develop leadership, a sore need indeed.

By his actions a man can prove his worth, and no man, no matter what his abilities may be, can continue long in office if his life is void of the ideals he upholds. Dictatorship is foreign to Mormonism. He who demands respect because of position must respect his subordinates. The cause is common to all. No self-aggrandisement is or can be included in the policy of a Church leader. That policy has been tried. In the dawn of time a great Son of God adopted it, and to this day lives bodiless, constantly striving to inspire men with similar thoughts. Too many times he succeeds, and mankind, in its blindness, gropes on.

Inherited wealth and graft are evils which place incapable men in positions of responsibility in the world of men. In the Church of Christ, personal wealth is no qualification to be considered in appointment to office. The influence radiating from Church leaders must be spiritual. In the Church, credit is given where credit is due, and a man in office is not considered to be superior in some particular line, by virtue of his office, if he is not. Further, we do not encourage those who seek office. Worthiness to contribute to the mutual effort is the chief qualification. Work is required at the hands of all who hold office, and that ofttimes means sacrifice. Efforts put forth full willingly bring their own reward—joy and satisfaction that the work of God rolls on.

Every law by which we are called to abide is made for the benefit of all. Though we may not be able to see the ultimate end, let us never call it "Red Tape." The Lord says: "I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise."

—J. P. H.

AUXILIARY SECTION

PLEASE NOTE.—All lesson outlines and programmes published in Auxiliary Issues of the "Star" in future will refer to the month following that in which they are published. This will allow at least two weeks for preparation. **So watch the "Star" for information.** Have it with you when you attend monthly Union meeting on the last Saturday in the month.

Preparation Precedes Power.

PRIESTHOOD

Under the direction of the Mission Presidency

PRIESTHOOD HOLDING AS A MISSION.

"Now I look upon the Elders of Israel in this Church and Kingdom as upon a mission. We have been ordained to a mission, and we have our time set to do it and to perform it. Not that I know how many days or years we are going to spend in it. But this mission is required at our hands, not at the hands of Brother Taylor, Brother Joseph or Brother Brigham alene, but it is required at our hands by the God of heaven, and we are performing a work and laying a foundation which we have got to meet on the other side of the veil." This statement was made by President Wilford Woodruff. Does it apply today? Most certainly it does. At no time has the world been in such dire need of divine help and revelation. The Elders of Israel of this Church and Kingdom are life-long missionaries, authorised to minister to the nations of the earth.

The foundation of this Church, which shall fill the whole earth, has been laid. Its edifice in many lands is rising slowly, but surely, and lo! before long the nations shall come in humility of mind and heart, in the spirit of repentance, to seek salvation at the hands of the Elders of Israel.

BRETHREN, PUT UPON YOURSELVES THE ARMOUR OF THE DIVINE PRIESTHOOD, AND IN THE NAME OF THE LIVING GOD GO FORTH TO FULFIL YOUR MISSIONS. "THE FIELD IS WHITE READY TO HARVEST."

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD OUTLINE OF STUDY.

MARCH, 1942.

Text: PRIESTHOOD AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following outlines indicate what material should be studied each week during the month of March. Note:—Only three lessons are given each month. Class leaders should present the text covered by these lessons at the MONTHLY UNION MEETINGS ON THE LAST SATURDAY EACH MONTH.

Lesson VII. Fitness to Receive and to Hold the Priesthood. (Chap. 5; pp. 49-56.)

Lesson VIII. Personal Demands of the Priesthood Bearer. (Chap. 5; pp. 56-65.)

Lesson IX. A Promise and a Charge. (Chap. 5; pp. 65-71.)

SUPPLEMENTARY READING:

The Way to Perfection, pp. 218, 222, 223.
Gospel Doctrine, p. 199.
The Progress of Man, p. 441.

APRIL.

Lesson X. Who may Hold the Priesthood. (Chap. 6; pp. 72-75).
Lesson XI. Who may Use the Priesthood. (Chap. 6; pp. 75-79).
Lesson XII. Priesthood and the Home Family Organisation. (Chap. 7; pp. 80-83).

SUPPLEMENTARY READING:
Rational Theology, pp. 101-102.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD.

BRANCH TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR MARCH, 1942.

"THE STANDARDS OF THE CHURCH."

The standards of the Church are the standards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The teachings of the Saviour when He was upon the earth in person and the teachings He has given to the world through the Prophets of the latter-days, have established the standards of the Church. These standards should be the standards of every member of the Church.

Church standards include strict honesty in all things—in our personal affairs, in our dealings with our fellowmen, in our thoughts and actions. Truth and honesty are synonymous. The truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot and do not condone any departure from the standards of honesty.

Under the standards of the Church, anything short of sixteen ounces is not a pound; twelve inches are required for a foot, and thirty-six inches for a yard.

Our moral standards demand strict chastity and personal purity. Impure thoughts and immoral acts are in direct conflict with Church standards. A true Latter-day Saint is clean in thought and action.

Our living standards demand faith in a living God; belief in a Saviour and in His divine mission; acceptance of Joseph Smith as a Prophet of God, and his successors as Prophets; respect for the Priesthood; respect for the commandments of the Lord and the teachings of His servants; respect for the Sabbath Day; observance of the law of tithing; observance of the Word of Wisdom; and loyalty to the Church, its institutions and its Leaders.

These standards form the code of living of true Latter-day Saints.

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GENE TUNNEY, a great athlete and former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, INDICTS TOBACCO FOR POISON AND FRAUD.

"Heavy smoking has a positive and demonstrably bad effect on longevity, physical and nervous energy, and general health. Even if you smoke moderately, you have much less chance of reaching sixty than if you don't smoke at all. It's a slow count, but it gets you finally. The cause of most of the trouble is, of course, nicotine. No one has ever denied that nicotine is poison. Taken clear, it is as quick-acting and fatal as prussic acid. A drop of it on a shaved rabbit causes immediate convulsions and death. The nicotine dissolved out of a few cigarettes and placed on the tongue of a grown man would kill him in fifteen minutes; . . . if you smoke a packet a day, you inhale four hundred milligrams of it a week. That much in a single dose would kill you as quick as a bullet.

"This powerful poison is the source of all the 'pleasure' derived from smoking. It touches off the mechanism by which adrenal glands release quick energy from the liver and muscles. You do get a 'lift' when you light a cigarette. But it's exactly like the lift you get from cocaine, heroin, marijuana. Under the flogging of the nicotine whip, the body burns up sugar faster; heart action, respiration and blood pressure are kept at a ding-dong pitch. At the end of a two-packet day, the smoker's system has received an unmerciful beating."

—Excerpts from Improvement Era," January, 1942

RELIEF SOCIETY

President - - - - - - - Sister Marie W. Anastasiou
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Second Counsellor - - - - - Sister Maud A. Hawkes
Secretary - - - - - - - - - Sister Miriam Mann

The Annual Report of the British Mission Relief Societies has been prepared and sent to Zion. We hope it will arrive there in time for the Centennial Celebrations. I wish to express my appreciation to all those Presidents and Secretaries who have been prompt with their reports. Unfortunately only 40 Branches have sent in their annual reports.

The Board wishes to urge all our Sisters to bear in mind that monthly, quarterly and yearly reports play a most important part in the work of our Relief Society Organisation, and should be looked upon with ever greater consideration and even concern, for by these reports can we assess our work and our progress, as well as our shortcomings. "It's the bottom line at the end of each record that tells the story."

We hope every Branch has received the Centennial Programmes, pageants and plays and is preparing to celebrate the historic hundred years of the Women's Relief Society of our Church.

EVERY SISTER SHOULD BE AWAKE, ASTIR, FULL OF HOPE AND ANTICIPATION TO TAKE AN IMPORTANT PART IN OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. THERE IS TALENT, INTELLIGENCE AND INSPIRATION AMONG OUR WOMANHOOD TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS GREAT WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: LOCAL NEWSPAPERS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF OUR CENTENARY. A SHORT SKETCH AND PROGRAMME SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CHIEF REPORTER OF EACH PAPER. (Branch and District Presidents, please assist.)

Additional Celebrations. In some Districts of the Mission, arrangements have been made to hold District Relief Society Centennial Conferences during the Easter week-end, April 4th, 5th and 6th. The Mission Relief Society Board fully approve such arrangements and would be pleased if DISTRICTS WILL NOTIFY THE MISSION BOARD IN GOOD TIME, is case some of its members may attend.

THE PROGRAMME FIXED FOR MARCH 17TH AND 22ND SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE CARRIED OUT IN EACH BRANCH OF THE MISSION. The District Programme is an additional celebration for the benefit of those who may not be able to attend on the 17th March. The Easter week-end offers an opportunity to present the Centennial Programme on a larger scale, which is very commendable indeed.

THE MISSION RELIEF SOCIETY BOARD DESIRE THAT EACH BRANCH SEND A FULL REPORT FOR OUR PERMANENT RECORD.

Relief Society Membership Cards will be sent immediately upon receipt of dues. We have a number of Relief Society Pins still available at 1s. each.

—M. W. A.

BRITISH MISSION RELIEF SOCIETY BOARD.

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THE PRAISE AND PROPERTIES OF A GOOD WIFE.

"STRENGTH AND HONOUR ARE HER CLOTHING; AND SHE SHALL REJOICE IN TIME TO COME.

"SHE OPENETH HER MOUTH WITH WISDOM; AND IN HER TONGUE IS THE LAW OF KINDNESS.

"SHE LOOKETH WELL TO THE WAYS OF HER HOUSEHOLD; AND EATETH NOT THE BREAD OF IDLENESS".

—Proverbs 31: 25-27.

GENEALOGY

Chairman - - - - - - Elder James R. Cunningham
Assistants - - - - - - - - Elder Ira Wm. Mount
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Sister Hilda M. Woodford

THE TEN POINT GENEALOGICAL PROJECT FOR 1942.

Last month we outlined what has been prepared by the Mission Genealogical Board to help develop the work in the Branches and Districts. We now wish to introduce the means by which we can attain the ideal in all Branches and Districts.

1. **GENEALOGICAL ORGANISATIONS IN ALL BRANCHES AND DISTRICTS.**
2. **HOME MISSIONARIES TO HELP MEMBERS TO COMPILE THEIR RECORDS.**
3. **LEADERS IN BRANCHES AND DISTRICTS TO DO THEIR OWN PERSONAL WORK.**
4. **ENDOWMENT WORK TO BE DONE FOR DEAD MEMBERS.**
5. **HOME FUND STARTED—A SMALL SUM PER WEEK PER MEMBER SAVED.**
6. **PLAYS, LECTURES AND SPEAKERS TO BE AT BRANCH AND DISTRICT CONFERENCES.**
7. **PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF ALL MEMBERS' PROBLEMS AT A COST OF 5/- PER PERSON.**
8. **VISIT IN AUGUST OF DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND COUNSELLORS TO LONDON, WHERE A TOUR OF THE RECORD DEPOSITORIES WILL BE ARRANGED.**
9. **EACH BRANCH TO SEND IN A QUOTA OF 100 NAMES.**
10. **"THE MARK IS FIXED, OUR AIM IS SET, 5,000 NAMES WE MEAN TO GET."**

A COPY OF THE COMPLETE PROJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO EACH BRANCH AND DISTRICT PRESIDENT. AT INTERVALS, EACH POINT WILL BE DEALT WITH IN DETAIL TO LEAD US TO OUR GOAL FOR 1942.

"5,000 SOULS ARE WAITING THERE,
WON'T YOU HELP SAVE THEM FROM DESPAIR?"

MISSION GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE.

GENEALOGICAL PROGRAMME, SUNDAY, APRIL 5th.

Theme—The Organisation of the Church in this Dispensation.

Hymn No. 41—"O how lovely was the morning" (Deseret Sunday School Songs only).

Invocation.

Scripture Reading—Doctrine and Covenants 20: 1-12.

First Speaker—Description of the Life of Joseph Smith (the travels of his family and final movement to Palmyra, New York).

Second Speaker—The First Vision of the Father and the Son (receiving the Plates and publishing of the Book of Mormon).

Hymn—"An Angel from on High," No. 420.

Third Speaker—Restoration of the Priesthood and Organisation of the Church.

Fourth Speaker—Coming of Elijah the Prophet with the Sealing Keys of the Priesthood (a member of the Priesthood should give this talk and explain the connection with the work for the dead).

Hymn—"Come let us Anew," No. 195.
Benediction.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - - - - Elder James R Cunningham
First Assistant - - - - - - Elder W. O. Chipping
Second Assistant - - - - Sister Winifred A. Osborn

PRELUDE:

First two lines, Song No. 294, Deseret Sunday School Songs.

SACRAMENT GEM, APRIL:

How great the wisdom and the love,
That filled the courts on high,
And sent the Saviour from above,
To suffer, bleed and die.

POSTLUDE:

Last two lines, same song.

CONCERNING CHILDREN, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SABBATH DAY OBSERVANCE.

The Sunday School Board would like this month to make a joint appeal to parents and Sunday Schools.

It is the duty of all parents to train their children in the ways of the Gospel, to let them understand the principles of faith, repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Ghost. If we neglect this great duty of Spiritual education, the condemnation will be upon our own heads.

"But I have commanded you to bring up your children in the light and truth."—Doctrine and Covenants 93: 40. Also, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 22: 6.

Parents, will you do all possible for your children, teaching them the importance of the Sabbath Day, so that they may attend Sunday School regularly, and so learn the ways of the Lord.

Sunday Schools, we feel, if you have followed the outlines given you recently, that your classes will be ready to receive the little ones. Will you make every effort to encourage the young people to attend Sunday School? Assign a person to call for the children if it will be a help.

"And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacraments upon my holy day; For verily this is a day appointed unto you to rest from your labours, and to pay thy devotions unto the Most High.—Doctrine and Covenants 59, 9-10.

PROJECT FOR APRIL:

LET US TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SABBATH DAY.

—MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

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I GO TO CHURCH.

I go to Church because it is a spiritual obligation
I have with my Heavenly Father.
I go to Church to feel and see and hear God.
I go to Church because it is a solace,
A haven of refuge from worldly influences.
I go to Church to satisfy the spiritual part of me.
I go to Church to feel God's influence
And to sense the importance of Jesus Christ's mission
As the Saviour of the World.
I go to Church to prepare myself for the coming of the Saviour
And to enjoy the greatness of God's work on earth and in Heaven;
And to contemplate a spiritual future for myself.
I go to Church because I appreciate the importance of spirituality,
Realizing that the spiritual supersedes the temporal.

—Ernest A. Lawrence.

M.I.A.

Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendent - - - Elder James P. Hill
Y.W.M.I.A. President - - - Sister Madeline E. Hill
Assistant - - - - - - - Sister Louisa R. Lawman
Executive Secretary - - - - - Sister Alice Bickerstaff
Mission Beekeeper - - - - - - Sister Edith G. Rees

The Winter Season of the Mutual Improvement Association draws to a clase, and the Board feels more than pleased with the progress that has been made in this field of Auxiliary work. Many re-organisations have been effected, reports have come in to us in increasing numbers of late, and many Branches have returned dues to us. We have tried not to be too ambitious in the plans we have outlined, because we have realised that it has meant, in many cases, the revival of dormant organisations, and it takes a little time to restore a machine that has been unused for a period to easy working order. However, we look forward to the coming months and next season with confidence and determination, and we feel sure that, unitedly, we shall accomplish deeds which will compare with past events of those glorious golden M.I.A. days or not so long ago. The Board extends its gratitude to all who have contributed to our programme, devised for the leisure time guidance of all our members.

LET US BE GAY THE M.I.A. WAY !

The Season closes officially on the last week in April, the final event being the Theme Festival and Honour Day. Doubtless, however, since we did not start with our lesson manuals till late, you will want to continue your studies a week or two. This will be possible, if required, in the opening weeks of May; but a special event is planned for Whitsuntide, details of which will be outlined (suggestively) in the next Auxiliary issue of the "Star."

The Theme Festival and Honour Day is the Event of the Month for April.

The burning question is: "Who will win the Branch Achievement Award?" It's up to you! The closing date will be **APRIL 30th.** Forms for recording achievements will be forthcoming shortly. Regarding **Individual Achievement,** there is still time to reach the standards set and forward particulars to us, so that we may award the Certificates of Merit. The closing date for this will also be **APRIL 30th. Records of Achievment must be in our hands by MAY 11th,** so that we can scrutinise and make the award. Further details will be printed in next month's Auxiliary issue. To remind you, here are the Achievement Programmes as outlined previously:

BRANCH ACHIEVEMENT.

1. For Officers' Prayer Meetings held regularly preceding ordinary sessions throughout the season .. .. 20 points
2. For **ALL** meetings started punctually on time .. 20 „
3. For 100% attendance regularly of enrolled membership throughout season .. .. 10 „
   (Reducing proportionately, i.e., average attendance 90%, 9 points; 80%, 8 points; or 65%, 6½ points)
4. For 100% membership enroled paid dues .. .. 10 „
   (Reducing proportionately, i.e., 90%, 9 point; or 10%, 1 point)
   (Last date for receipt of dues from any Branch, April 30th, 1942)
5. For **ALL SUNDAY CONJOINT MEETINGS HELD** 10 „

6. For at least one event held each month in accordance with Year-round Programme .. .. 10 „
   (For all but one held, 5 points; 2 points for any less number held.)
   (No credit can be taken for events held other than in the month scheduled.)
7. For **TEN NEW MEMBERS** enroled during the season by April 30th, 1942 .. .. 20 „
   (Reducing proportionately, i.e., 9 members, 18 points; down to 1 member, 2 points)

Total possible 100 points.

A SPECIAL AWARD, to be announced later, will be made to the Branch amassing the greatest number of points through the achievement of these standards. **GO TO IT!**

A scheme has also been evolved for **INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT** which provides for everyone, be they talented in the fields of Speech, Music, Dramatics or Dancing. Thus, it will be considered an Achievement worthy of recognition if an M.I.A. member gives a **SPEECH** of not less than 10 minutes duration in a Sacrament meeting; in a Conjoint M.I.A. session; or at a Conjoint Genealogical session, and gives at least one **RE-TOLD STORY** on any M.I.A. occasion.

In the field of **DRAMATICS,** an award will be made for participation in any one, two or three act play (not sketch) OR for the direction or stage management of same.

In the field of **MUSIC,** for an instrumental or vocal rendering before at least three audiences during the season OR for being a member of a duet, trio, quartette, or chorus which performs a different number of each on three occasions.

In the field of **DANCING,** for an individual exhibition of eccentric, tap or classical dancing OR, with a partner, of at least two recognised dances OR acting as M.C. at an M.I.A. dance.

To qualify for the above, a member must be a regular attendant at M.I.A. and **MUST NOT HAVE BEEN ABSENT ON MORE THAN FOUR OCCASIONS.**

For those who feel that they cannot achieve in any of the foregoing fields, there is an opportunity to win an award for **REGULAR ATTENDANCE** and **PUNCTUALITY AT EVERY MEETING**

Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to everyone achieving in any of the above fields. They will bear the signatures of the Mission President and M.I.A. Leaders.

PRIMARY

Acting Supervisor: Edna Gardner

PROGRAMME FOR APRIL.

1st Week.

"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh upon the heart."—1 Samuel 17: 45.

Objective—The Lord does not judge us by our outward appearance, but by our true worth.

Song—"Can a Little Child Like Me?"—No 6.

Prayer—Before prayer, have the children repeat:

"Heavenly Father, may we know
All the way our feet should go;
Day by day, help us to be
Kind to all and true to Thee."

Song—"Two Little Hands."

Lesson—David the Shepherd Boy chosen to be King.

2nd Week.

"The Lord is on my side, I will not fear."—Psalm 118: 6.

Objective—The Lord helps and blesses those who put themselves in His care.

Lesson Story—David and Goliath.

FOR THE TEACHER:

From an unknown pen comes the counsel, "Throughout the day, why not be serene? No frown ever made a heart glad; no complaint ever made a dark night bright; no bitter word ever lightened a burden or made a rough road smooth; no grumbling ever made the sunshine in the home."

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

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Corn Exchange,
5, Hadden Street.

Accrington:
L. D. S. Hall,
Over 9, Church St.

Airdrie:
L. D. S. Hall,
40, Hallcraig Street.

Aldershot:
19, Edward Street.

Barnsley:
Arcade Buildings.

Batley:
L. D. S. Hall,
Well Lane.

Belfast:
122, North Street.

Birmingham:
L. D. S. Chapel,
23, Booth Street.

Blackburn:
4 Heaton Street.
Heaton Chambers.

Bradford:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Woodlands Street,
off City Road.

Brighton:
77, Grand Parade
(first door).

Bristol:
L. D. S. Hall,
Zion Road,
off Clarence Road.
20, Northfield Ave.
Hanham.

Burnley:
L. D. S. Chapel,
1, Liverpool Road,
Rosegrove.

Bury:
L. D. S. Chapel,
15, Broad Street.

Clayton:
L.D.S. Hall,
Gordon Street.

Derby:
Unity Hall.

Doncaster:
L. D. S. Hall,
Trafford Street.

Dublin:
L. D. S. Hall,
8, Merrion Row.

Eastwood:
Library, Church St.

Edinburgh:
Ruskin House,
15, Windsor Street.

Gainsborough:
L. D. S. Hall,
4b, Silver Street.

Gateshead:
Westfield Hall,
Westfield Terrace.

Glasgow:
Masonic Hall,
South Side,
39, Abbotsford Pl.,C.5.

Gravesend:
1, Peacock Street.

Grimsby:
Thrift Hall,
Pasture Street.

Guisborough:
L. D. S. Hall,
back of 13, Church St.

Halifax:
13, Byron Street,
Hansen Lane.

Handsworth:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Corner of Booth St.
and Sycamore Rd.

Hucknall:
Byron Buildings.

Hull:
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Wellington Lane, and
Berkeley Street.

Hyde:
L. D. S. Hall,
29, Beeley Street.

Kidderminster:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Park Street.

Kingstanding:
(Home Sunday Sch.)
1, Orpington Rd.,

Leeds:
L. D. S. Hall,
5, King Charles St.

Leicester:
All Saints' Open,
Great Central Street.

Letchworth:
Vasanta Hall,
Gernon Walk.

Liverpool:
L. D. S. Chapel,
301, Edge Lane.

London:
L. D. S. Chapel,
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.
Ravenslea Chapel,
149, Nightingale Lane,
S.W.12.
61, Gareth Grove,
Bromley, Kent.
58, Wellesley Road,
Gunnersbury. W.4.

Loughborough:
Adult School.

Lowestoft:
L. D. S. Hall,
20, Clapham Road.

Luton:
Dallow Road Hall,
Corner of Dallow and
Naseby Roads.

Mansfield:
19a, Albert Street.

Manchester:
L. D. S. Hall,
88, Clarendon Road,
C. on M.

Merthyr Tydfil:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Penyard Road

Middlesbrough:
L. D. S. Hall,
21, Bottomly Street,
off Linthorpe Road.

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L. D. S. Hall,
10, Hibson Road.

Northampton:
L. D. S. Chapel,
89, St. Michael's Road.

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L. D. S. Chapel,
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L. D. S. Chapel,
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and Lyons Roads.

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L. D. S. Hall,
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Written for Relief Society Centennial Celebration, 1942.

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The women of Zion gather to praise the King above.
They come from cities, hamlets, from every land and clime
To join the mighty anthem and voice a faith sublime.
The gospel light divine, dispelling doubts and fears,
Has led them ever upward through a hundred wond'rous years

Chorus:
A song of trumph fills the air,
A joyful Hosanna,
And rings exultant to the skies,
Hosanna, Hosanna.

2 Hills and vales resound with the lilt of happy song
As women of Zion joyous their strains of praise prolong,
With lamps well trimmed and lighted, grey dimness fades away.
They tread a path of glory that leads to perfect day.
With courage born of faith, gospel standards bright unfurled.
Their light will e'er be shining to illumine a darkened world.

—Breatrice F. Stevens.

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